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"QUACK, QUACK, QUACK!"

Paris, Aug. 16.
New Zealand delegate W. J. Jordan today denounced the Soviet delegation for delay and long speeches during the Peace Conference meeting on Rumania.

"Let's do something," shouted Jordan, obviously out of temper. "Here we sit listening to quack, quack, quack, hour after hour! We are sick of it," Jordan said, so perturbed that he cried "this blasted old rat," after a speech by Soviet delegate A. Y. Vishinsky, arguing that only those countries which actually were at war with Rumania should have a vote on the political and territorial commission.

"Let's get on with the blasted conference! Let's do something! Get a president in the chair and let's get on with our work. That's what the people expect us to do," Jordan demanded.

"Temperamental"

Vishinsky, responding later to the blast, commented that he would ignore "the harsh words by the temperamental delegate from New Zealand," and then added:

"We shall never submit to angry words." The effect of Vishinsky's proposal regarding Rumania would be to bar the French delegate from the commission, except for discussion.

The American representative on the commission, Benjamin V. Cohen, said Vishinsky was out of order in bringing up the question of a new composition of the commission. He said the United States saw no reason why France should not be a full member.—Associated Press.

Indian Govt. In Five Days

Nagpur, Aug. 16.
India will have a "National Government" within the next five days," Dr. P. T. Saramayya, former member of the Congress Working Committee, said here today.

"The Moslem League may come or not—that will make no difference," he declared.

In Bombay, Congress circles expect that Pandit Nehru's government will be in office next week. According to present indications, the Moslem League will not be represented in it. It is possible, however, that Pandit Nehru will leave the door open for further negotiations, and the eventual inclusion of League representatives by reserving five seats for Moslem leaders in his projected Cabinet of 14.—Reuter.

Centre Of Asia

Bombay, Aug. 15.
Pandit Nehru, who is now freely named in Congress circles as Premier and Foreign Minister in India's first provisional government, said tonight: "It is inevitable for India to be the centre of affairs of Asia, and in that term I would include Australia, New Zealand and even Eastern Africa."

"The first thing India should do when she is free is to establish diplomatic relations with Asian countries. India is bound to be the centre of a big federation of countries in Asia." —Reuter.

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STERN GANG

Haifa, Aug. 16.
The British military court here today passed death sentences on 18 youths, members of the Stern gang, found guilty on charges arising from the terrorist attack on the Haifa railway workshops on June 17, this year.

Four Jewish girls found guilty on the same charges were sentenced to life imprisonment.—Reuter.

Gen. Chang Arrives In Hong Kong

The Colony yesterday accorded a rousing welcome to China's famous "Ironside" Commander, General Chang Fa-kuei (Director of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Hqs. in Canton) and Madame Chang, on their arrival from Canton to return the visit of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young.

The plane arrived at Kai Tak shortly after 10 a.m. They were met by an official party comprising the Colonial Secretary, Mr. R. R. Todd; the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. T. Megarry; the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, Mr. T. W. Kwok; and others. The party then crossed the harbour by special launch.

A salute of 15 guns was fired from H.M. warships in harbour. On arrival at Queen's Pier, which was gaily bedecked, the visitors were greeted by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young, and by heads of the Services, members of both Councils, high Government officials and leading members of the community.

Outside the pier a large crowd of several thousands had gathered, including representatives from various organisations who had come to pay their respects to the General.

After inspecting the Guard of Honour, drawn from No. 3 Commandos, the official party repaired to Government House where the visitors stayed as the guests of Sir Mark and Lady Young.

The "Ironside" Commander had a busy round of calls and functions crowded into the rest of the day. At 11 a.m. he received visitors on the roof garden of Gloucester, and at 1 p.m. he lunched at Government House. At 2 p.m. he went on board H.M.S. "Belafast," and from 6 to 8 p.m. he was the guest of honour of Mr. T. W. Kwok at a cocktail party. At 9 p.m. he was again the guest of honour at a dinner at Government House.

This morning at 10 o'clock he will attend a reception which the Chinese community is giving in his honour on the first floor of Hong Kong Hotel, and at 3 p.m. he will return to Canton by plane.

In opposition to Britain's "Operation Roundup," Haganah, the illegal Jewish organization, yesterday announced that its own "Operation Freedom" had been successful and that 200 illegal Jewish immigrants had landed without incident near Tel Aviv. By the time the alarm ashore had been raised, the immigrants had been spirited away to safety.

Over in Cyprus, the first two shiploads of illegal Jewish immigrants were being put ashore for internment in special camps. The landing was quiet and orderly, in contrast to the original boarding of the immigrants' blockade-running ships, when a naval party was showered with bully-beef tins. In Haifa, three more shiploads of immigrants are now on hunger strike in protest against their being sent to Cyprus.

"Operation Freedom"

Jerusalem, Aug. 16.
In what Haganah called "Operation Freedom," 200 illegal immigrants were landed without incident on the sandy beaches near Tel Aviv.

The police are reported to have been warned shortly before the landing, as flares were fired by all coastal stations and searchlights went into action.

The landing was made far from the nearest police station and when the police arrived none of the immigrants could be found.—Reuter.

Pelted With Tins

Famagusta, Aug. 16.
The first batch of illegal Jewish immigrants now in barred wire camps in Cyprus put up a strong opposition and pelted the marines from the cruiser "Ajax" with bully-beef tins in a battle to prevent being transferred to transports which brought them here, a sergeant of Marines from "Ajax" said today.

The "Ajax," which was stationed earlier to be returning to Haifa to pick up and escort another 1,300 immigrants, was still at Famagusta at 9 o'clock this morning.

The sergeant said that the first ship was boarded fairly easily after a struggle without shooting but the second resisted strongly.

"She was loaded with a lot of kids and you could not very well shoot," he said. "We fired into the air to give them a bit of a fright but they lined the sides and rained down tins of bully and we had to pull off."

"Another boat was sent to speak with the immigrants but they refused to allow anyone on board. The ship's bulwarks were high and girls and men, armed with anything they could find, 'crowned' our men as soon as they showed their heads. The girls were worse than the men."

Finally a lighter or landing craft was brought out and a boarding was made. Several were injured on both sides.—Reuter.

In Cyprus

Famagusta, Aug. 15.
The illegal Jewish immigrants who were brought here from Haifa in two transports began landing at 0700 hours today when a ship carrying 20 armed soldiers brought the first party ashore from the "Empire Heywood."

Several cases, including a woman with a newly-born child, were first lowered from the "Empire Heywood" on lath covers by a derrick. About 100 women and children followed, helped down the gangway by British soldiers. The operations were quiet and orderly and there was no sign of disturbance.

The "Empire Heywood," after landing some 500 immigrants, sailed at noon, and the "Empire Rival," which landed about 700, at 3 p.m.

The whole landing was according to order and movement between the ships and the camp was coordinated by an army radio operator with a portable instrument on the quay. Plans for landing the immigrants on the beaches near the camp were abandoned as impracticable, and they were brought to Famagusta harbour.

RICE CUTS

Singapore, Aug. 16.
A reduction in the rice rations of the Malayan Union and Singapore was announced today, following the warning issued at the end of Lord Killearn's conference yesterday.

The rations are now 26 ounces for men, 21 for women and 15 for children a week, representing a reduction of 40 per cent for men, 50 per cent for women. Children's ration is unchanged. The Malayan Union announces similar cuts.—Reuter.

York's Bee Mystery

York, Aug. 15.
Bee keepers in the North of England were worried today by a mysterious scourge which has wiped out millions of bees over a wide area of the heather-clad moorlands of Northern Yorkshire in the last two days.

Bee owners estimate the loss at over 4,000. The bees had been brought to the moors to gather heather honey and it is unlikely that they had died from starvation.

An official of the Yorkshire Beekeepers' Association, who toured the stricken area, today reported the finding of many hives full of dead bees while millions of grubs lay dead outside.

At one site alone, 40 out of 100 hives had piles of dead bees in front of them. The colonies should by now have collected 1½ tons of honey.

Samples of the dead bees are being collected and sent to London for examination.—Reuter.

Singapore, Aug. 16.
Three British servicemen with two Filipinos were each sentenced to eight years' vigorous imprisonment at Singapore today for robbing a Chinese household at pistol point.—Reuter.

Flour And Biscuits To Cost More

In the Government Gazette being issued today new and increased prices for local supplies of flour, biscuits and noodles are being published. These increased prices have been agreed upon by Government after most careful consideration and have been made with great reluctance.

It was hoped at first that Australian prices might remain stable but latest information from the Australian Government indicates price increases there as well as in other flour producing countries.

With a fluctuating market of this nature, Government must of necessity vary local prices accordingly but the community may rest assured Government will do all that is possible to reduce prices as soon as overseas prices fall.

The prices being gazetted, and which come into effect from Aug. 15, are as follows:

	Wholesale Max.	Retail
Biscuits		
Government	\$0.80	\$1.00
Bread	32	35
Flour, imported	30	35
Noodles	40	45

At present supplies on the market are very limited but large supplies are expected within the next two weeks, the distribution of which will be supervised by Government. The complete control of these supplies may take a few days, as Government must make arrangements for supplies reaching retailers not connected with black market activities, and it is hoped that in the meantime the community will bear with Government in its present efforts to enforce a drastic control over distribution and prices generally.

Heavy Fines For Over-Charging

Shop Keepers In Court

Several shop keepers were summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday for selling medicine, oranges and toilet articles above the controlled price.

Cheung Yat-fan, of No. 1, Wing Lok Street, was summoned for selling 10 tablets of sulfa-diosine on July 30 at 40 cents each, the controlled price being 25 cents each. He was also summoned for failing to affix a price on the commodity.

Mr. R. S. Smith, assisted by Inspector W. H. Nulloth, conducted the prosecution.

It was stated that accused had been repeatedly warned to cooperate in cutting down the price before the official controlled price on medicine was issued. Accused had refused to cooperate.

Accused was fined \$1,000 on both summonses.

For selling a bottle of Scott's Cod Liver Oil at \$13.00, the controlled price being \$5.50, Man King-fan of No. 74, Wing Lok Street, was fined \$750.

Man was also summoned for selling a bottle of Sloan's Liniment at \$6.00, the controlled price being \$3.00. An additional fine of \$50 was imposed.

Sulfa Tablets

Li Fuk, of the Kwong Wah Shop, No. 49, Bonham Strand East, was fined \$450 for selling five tablets of sulfa-diosine at 30 cents each.

Lo Pui, of No. 100, Des Voeux Road Central, was summoned for selling a four-ounce tin of talcum powder at \$1.50, the controlled price being \$1.20.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

Li Ping, of No. 92, Queen's Road Central, was fined \$100 for selling a cake of Palmolive toilet soap at \$1.80, the official price being 70 cents.

Expensive Oranges

A Chinese woman, Ng Wai-ling, of No. 33, Wing Lok Street, was summoned for selling an orange at \$1.00, the official price being 40 cents.

Mr. d'Almada remarked that black market racketeering in essential food should be stopped.

A fine of \$250 was imposed.

Chan Koon-pak, of No. 183, Johnston Road, was fined \$350 for selling two oranges at \$1.20 each.

Australian Cafe

The master of the Australian Cafe, No. 7, Luand Road, Lai Yin-kit, was summoned before Mr. d'Almada for selling a 5-lb. tin of IXL peach jam at \$8.50, the controlled price being \$4.50.

Accused said that the inspector came to his shop and said that he needed a tin of jam in a hurry for a picnic. As the jam was old stock, he sold it to the man at that price. He had never previously sold such commodities as the premises were a cafe.

Accused was fined \$550.

Turkey Says "Never"

Ankara, Aug. 16.

Shouts of "never, never" from deputies greeted the announcement in the Turkish Assembly of the Soviet request for a direct share in the defence of the Dardanelles.

The terms of the Russian note, requesting a revision of the 1936 Montreux Convention—which governs the defence of the Straits—were read by the Turkish Prime Minister in the course of a general declaration of the Government policy yesterday.

Both Government and opposition benches cheered when the Speaker said that the Turkish foreign policy would continue to be mainly based on the 1930 mutual assistance pact with Britain.

The Government, he added, were giving No. 1 priority to the development of the army, navy and air force, ready "to safeguard the inviolability of our territory and the dignity and rights of our state."

They hoped for strengthened friendship with the United States, France and Greece and close ties with the states of the Arab League.—Reuter.

Indians Hold Demonstration In Strand

London, Aug. 16.

Head by a turbaned Indian leading a chant of "Pakistan, Pakistan," 100 Moslems, some in native attire and others in European dress, staged a demonstration through Fleet Street and the Strand on Friday.

The leader carried a banner saying: "The British have broken their solemn pledge and betrayed the Moslems. The Moslems have decided to resort to direct action, smash the unholy Anglo-Hindu alliance and achieve their independent state of Pakistan."

Others carried banners declaring "Pakistan or we perish," "Moslems demand Pakistan," "Some shout 'Zindabad (long live) Pakistan.' The demonstrators, identified as Moslem League members, intended to send a small deputation to 10 Downing Street (home of the Prime Minister) but this idea was eventually abandoned.

Police who marched with the procession manoeuvred the Indians across Trafalgar Square and back into the Strand. They marched to Kingsway Hall where a protest meeting was scheduled.—Associated Press.

"Great Success"

London, Aug. 15.
Accompanied by a strong police escort and led by Mohammed Abbas Ali, President of the London branch of the League, they shouted slogans continuously and were watched by thousands of shoppers and workers, who threw open office windows as the procession went past.

Traffic had to be held up as demonstrators entered Whitehall. They made a point of shouting at the top of their voices as they passed Downing Street, "Down with the United India," "Down with the Cabinet Mission."

Commenting on the fact that only about 50 of his supporters took part in the demonstration, Abbas Ali said the procession consisted mainly of businessmen and students, who had come from provincial universities. Large numbers of workers had been unable to leave their jobs to take part.

"Nevertheless, I think this protest demonstration has been a great success and has led London see our spirit," he said.

"The march ended at Kingsway Hall, where there will be a mass meeting, at which a resolution warning the British Government and Congress 'to keep their hands off Moslem India' will be proposed."

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THE WEATHER

General situation:—The high pressure system over Japan is receding. Pressure is low over China and in the trough connecting the monsoon which was centred 360 miles west of the Rukia Islands at 1800 hours local time.

Today's forecast:—Light to moderate east winds. Weather fair.

Yesterday's temperature:—

Maximum:—36.8 deg.

Minimum:—77.4 deg.

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DEATH

WYNWARD.—On Friday, August 16, 1946, at Kowloon Hospital, Sylvia, beloved wife of James Wynward, Funeral services at the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

REPARATIONS IN AUSTRIA

The Austrian Government is rashly testing its newly fledged wings by flying in the face of the Soviet Union. The Catholic People's party has got Parliament to approve the nationalisation of certain industries, most of which it is well aware are claimed by the Russians as reparations from Germany. The Russian Notes of protest have been quickly followed by the arrest of five Austrian officials concerned with the disposal of property. It must be said that the Nationalisation Bill has been hurried through with surprising haste by a party which believes in private enterprise. In fact, the People's party's plan for nationalisation is an extremely equivocal one. The Socialists, who a month ago were roundly denouncing it as a fake, have evidently been persuaded to abandon their principles for the sake of rebuffing the Russians. The Austrian Communists, rather than vote against the principle of nationalisation, argue that the Bill ignores firms which are linked with Western capital. Ernst Fischer put this in its political context when he said:

"I cannot resist the impression that quite a few people mean 'Western capital' when they say 'sovereignty'."

The Austrian Government certainly betrayed a political motive in the elaborate staging of the debate on July 11, when it claimed reparations for itself while repudiating the obviously prior claim of the Russians. Thus the primary issue, the interpretation of the Potsdam decisions, has been thoroughly confused for political ends, and not by one side only. The most effective criticism of Russian behaviour was the objection raised by a People's party spokesman to the Russian argument that the factories taken over would be worked for Austria's benefit and to the Russian practice of giving the workers in these factories preferential treatment and extra food. The aggravation of this conflict is an inevitable result of the Allied agreement of June 28. By this agreement, which redefined and widened the authority of the Austrian Government, the Government has the right to conduct economic negotiations independently with other States, without having a semblance of the power necessary to do so on anything like equal terms. In these circumstances the Russians have naturally stiffened their attitude towards a weak Government with which they have little sympathy, and the stand which the Government has taken against the Russian pressure could only remain an empty gesture unless it were backed by the Western Allies. When the Americans declared their readiness to renounce their share of reparations the Austrians took it as encouragement to "save their industries from Communism."

The illusion that an open conflict is imminent between East and West is said to be prevalent in Austria. It may suit the book of the Austrian Government to foster this illusion, but it cannot benefit Austria or Europe in the long run. Article 5 of the agreement of June 28 reserves to the Allied Commission the right to act directly on "the disposal of German property in accordance with the existing agreements between the Allies." By reaching an agreed interpretation of the ambiguities of Potsdam the Commission (or a higher body, if the Russians insist) could even now reduce this dangerous issue to its proper proportions.

BY-ELECTION LESSONS

Bexley was a setback. A fine Labour candidate fought a hard and victorious fight. But since we do not believe in the old game of political "ins and outs," we should not be content to comfort ourselves with the claim, however valid, that the pendulum often swings back somewhat after a great triumph at a General Election.

The results of the by-elections generally should inspire local Parties to push ahead yet more energetically with their membership campaign. They should encourage Transport House to improve still further its machinery.

And they should remind us—it should never have been forgotten—that the task of building a Socialist Commonwealth only began with the victory last July.

But even if the results should shake us out of a relapse into complacency, the Tory Party can derive no credit from these events.

The gentlemen of England—the "patriotic party"—have shown their true colours. They

By
MICHAEL FOOT

have stooped to the lowest manoeuvres employed in British politics for many years past. Such weapons are likely to prove boomerangs.

Morrison Has Saved Lives

The main theme of Tory campaigning can be summarised in a few words. Those who in the House of Commons have pretended they were not being given enough facts have been content with one simple generalisation.

"Bread rationing has been imposed," they cry, "because Herbert Morrison gave away your food to the Germans."

The inference which they would like their audiences to draw from this crude piece of doorstop demagoguery is that the Germans can be safely left to starve, and that the fate of Europe (and India) is no concern of a British Government. As usual, the appeal is to the basest of human instincts.

What Herbert Morrison actually did was to make future arrangements whereby we could meet a desperate situation in the British zone in Germany and in India, and at the same time meet a critical situation here at home. Without his visit to Washington all three situations would have been worse.

Many lives have been saved by these arrangements. We have nothing to be ashamed of on that account. And if the Tories believe (as their electioneers suggest) that Britain should wash her hands of the situation in Germany and India, let them say so openly and let them keep their mouths shut when the affairs of Europe or the Empire are debated in the House of Commons.

Risks We Could Not Take

Of course, bread rationing could have been prevented. It could have been prevented if the United States Government had exercised the foresight of the British Government (for instance, see Ernest Bevin's

speech at UNO last January), if the United States Government had had control over its own food situation, and if it had been able to stop the vast diversion of wheat and grain supplies away from human consumption which has gone on in the past eighteen months.

Unhappily, Congress is in a state of undeclared war with the American President, and, however much he may desire to fulfil the obligations to supply us with wheat, there is no absolute certainty that his Government can do so.

It has been that uncertainty, coupled with other uncertainties, which has made bread rationing unavoidable.

Public men who are not prepared to state these facts to the public (especially when they are the same public men who are continuously claiming that enough facts are not revealed) lose all title to any sense of responsibility.

Bexley may have good effects in warning us against an spirit of complacency. It may have still better effects in reminding us of the true nature of Tory patriotism.

The Health Bill Goes Through

While the by-elections were being fought, another event was taking place which should reveal—if revelation were necessary—the bankruptcy of Tory tactics.

The Health Bill was passing through its last stages in the Commons. Despite a thirteenth-hour Churchillian intervention the Bill has gone through without any real violent clash.

Last autumn, when the first hints were given of the Government's intentions, Churchill was on his feet roaring deadly war. But in most of the debates on the Health Bill Churchill has been a notable absentee. The bloodcurdling war cries of six months ago have subsided, and the retreat from battle has been left to the capable leadership of Mr. Willink.

The doctors outside have been hardly less docile than their self-appointed champions in the Commons. No one is left to hold the breach but Dr. Guy Dain, chairman of the Council of the B.M.A.

"Where do we stand?" he asks pathetically.

His audience waited on tenterhooks for an answer. "We must find out," he replied.

Never were legions led into battle with such a stirring invocation. Dr. Dain does not make a good Horatius to hold the bridge. He looks more like Casablanca.

Moral: We Must Go Ahead

There is a moral in this tale, a moral for Bexley. The only damage which the fall in the Labour vote could do would be to make leaders feel less confident about going forward with our programme.

This Government was elected to lay the foundations of Socialism, and no passing breezes, no awkward decisions made inevitably by harsh circumstances, no demagogic protest from our opponents, should be allowed to make us waver in that purpose.

For we carry with us, not only the sanction of the British electorate, but the best hopes of the whole world.

BY THE WAY BEACHCOMBER

Today brings good news to the ladies—the invention of a stocking "that can be worn under water." Everybody who is anybody has always wanted to be able to wear stockings under water—especially lady professional divers.

It is very difficult to give a feminine touch to a diving costume. Wide-brimmed diving helmets covered with artificial flowers are not seaworthy, and those great boots only look silly with high heels, attached to them. But a smart underwater stocking inside the boot will remind every diver that it is possible to be womanly even while skirting colonies of sea monsters on the ocean bed.

Who Cares?

Talking of diving—and who wouldn't?—I see that Professor Piccard, the Belgian scientist, is going to make an attempt to go down 4,000 metres, which will be a world's record. I once had a plan to divert the Gulf Stream and so play the devil with the world's climate, by getting to the bottom of the Gulf of Guinea, and blasting

enormous holes in the floor of the sea. My theory was that the holes would drain enough water into them to shrink the sea, and so set up new currents. But I got no further than Dijon, where the exquisite food and drink at the Trois Faisans detained me until I didn't care a tinker's curse what happened to the Gulf Stream. Nor do I to this day.

Out Today

"The Huntingdonshire Cabmen" (Vol. IV). Today appears the eagerly awaited fourth volume of the unofficial list of Huntingdonshire cabmen. Where all is of uniform excellence quotation is invidious. Everybody will have his favourite passage. The volume begins on a quiet note with "Mumbleton, E.D." and works to a climax through Pibsey, the brothers Peole and Popworth, to Riffett, B.R. The compiler has shunned all extraneous matter and confined himself to the mere catalogue of names, thus ensuring that this will be the standard work on the subject. The reader learns with amazement that there are no fewer than five Nudgings.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I hope you've got a little change with you, pet—I must have left my money in my other shoes!"

TO-DAY IN EUROPE

In the series of articles I have written on Spain, I have stressed the fact that Franco today is politically far stronger than he was before his foreign enemies staged their ill-judged onslaught on his regime. At the same time, the economic condition of Spain is so precarious that it seems quite likely that, if foreign pressure were

All we have to do is to apply economic sanctions, and Franco will be out at once." Nothing could be more unrealistic than such a point of view. Pursuance of such a policy would be the method most likely to preserve the Franco regime.

So long as Franco can blame the economic distress of the Spanish people on foreign pressure, so long will he be able to cling to power. Only when all of the Spanish people have been convinced that their misery is due to Franco, will they get rid of him. And they will do it very quickly once they are convinced of this.

By **RANDOLPH CHURCHILL**

relaxed, Franco would be glad to find some way of extricating himself from his present difficulties.

Spain's financial problem is two-fold. Heavy government expenditures—nearly 80 per cent of which goes into the armed forces—combined with a lack of consumers' goods is resulting in an extremely dangerous price spiral. At the same time, Spain's almost complete lack of foreign exchange makes importation of foreign goods or machinery virtually impossible. And the artificially high price of the peseta makes it exceedingly difficult for Spain to acquire any foreign currency by exportation of Spanish foodstuffs and raw materials.

This situation has given rise to widespread fears that Franco may find himself forced to export some part of this year's abundant harvest. He denied to me that any cereals would be exported, but he significantly excepted from this assurance "fruits and other products which are normally exported." He clearly had in mind some part of the olive-oil crop. When this becomes known in Spain, it will greatly injure the Franco regime. Nothing has hit the poor of Spain so much as the failure of last year's olive crop. If this year's crop, which will not be harvested till December and January, is not made fully available to the Spanish people, there will be very real indignation.

All experts agree that Franco is face to face with a first-class economic crisis. The next few months may well see runaway inflation—inflation combined with a collapse of the peseta. Such a situation would be unmanageable. And it's significant that Franco is already preparing to make Cabinet changes which will distribute political power and responsibility more widely and may well lead, in a comparatively short time, to his voluntary relinquishment at least of the main direction of Spanish policy.

I can almost hear professional anti-Fascists who may be reading this column exclaiming at this stage. "There you are!

While we must reject such counsels, no less for their wickedness than for their folly, none of this is meant to imply that the United Nations should not show their dislike of the Franco regime. It is extremely helpful to the cause of constitutional liberty in Spain that this should be done. Much might be accomplished in this respect if France and the United States, instead of being represented in Madrid by charges d'affaires, had ambassadors of the quality of British Ambassador Sir Victor Mallet. There are hundreds of ways by which able diplomatic representatives can bring discreet pressure on the governments to which they are accredited, and at the same time let the man in the street know that they are on his side.

If people who make their living and win votes at home by screaming against Franco would pipe down and leave the matter to be handled by a combination of time, experienced diplomats and the Spanish people, some useful results might be forthcoming in a surprisingly short period. But if Franco's enemies persist in their present tactics, he will remain in power and the Spanish people will continue to suffer. However, the sufferings of the Spanish people are, of course, the last thing which ever excites the interest or sympathy of jingoistic anti-Francoists.

Phillipsburg, N.J., Aug. 15. The opening table of a Phillipsburg physician has been donated by his widow to the Chinese hospital where he served 18 years.

The widow of Dr. Charles H. Lyon, who left China in 1918 because of illness, disclosed that Dr. Frederick Scovel, who is returning to Bachman Memorial Hospital, Taining, will take the table with him.—Associated Press.

("Evening Yelp.")

CLEAR THE DECKS FOR PEACE

Mr. Alexander Wants To Get On With It

No Wish To Bear Malice

Paris, Aug. 16. Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov said during his speech at tonight's plenary session of the Peace Conference that the Soviet was opposed to any adjournment of the conference. Britain gave notice that she would propose Austria should be called to give her views. Russia indicated that she would object to Austria being called.

Britain's chief delegate, Mr. A. V. Alexander, called on the conference to "clear the decks for peace" and get on with the treaties without further delay. He announced that once the treaty with Italy was signed, Britain could use her influence to secure Italy's admittance to the United Nations Organisation, "as quickly as practicable."

He was speaking so that "silence on our part is not taken to mean consent."

"We do not wish to bear malice and if other states will reciprocate, we will hold out to them the hands of brotherhood. The words of the first delegate of the United States, are in full accord with the views of the United Kingdom delegation."

Referring to Mr. Molotov's speech recently on Italy, Mr. Alexander said: "It came no doubt as a surprise to the conference to hear that Italy was not a democratic state, or that the Italian delegation was speaking with the voice of Fascism. It is common knowledge that the Italian people decided in an entirely democratic manner that they would live in a republic rather than in monarchy."

The recent election in Italy had done credit to the Italian people. The British delegation did not believe the Italian Prime Minister had the slightest desire to follow any other than a democratic policy. The charge had been made that "certain powers" were seeking to establish monopolistic positions in the Mediterranean against the interests of both Italy and France.

"That is an extraordinary statement," declared Mr. Alexander. As political head of the British delegation since the spring of 1940, he said, he was in a position to know the vital part the Mediterranean had played in the war.

Britain's Task
"There it was we laid the foundations for the final throw that brought the Nazi war machine crashing in ruins. When Greece gallantly faced the invader it was Britain's task to run convoys through the Mediterranean. I emphasise that that was the time when we were standing alone. The British people can never forget that the Greek people were showing alongside of us that the Axis was not invincible. Britain could not forget the anxieties of that time, nor would the people of Malta."

"I ask the conference to remember that protracted, anxious but glorious period before we had the support of the United States, the Soviet Union

and others, who later joined us. Let us never forget the work of those nations who from the beginning set their faces, whatever the cost, against aggression of the Axis."

"Gentlemen, who must keep nothing back from ourselves when weighing up and judging the future, for only in a world of sincere men is unity possible. Let us clear the decks for peace. Let us proceed without any further unnecessary delay to detailed consideration and approval of the five treaties to bring to an end the state of war with these five countries."

"Pay Our Debt"
"Then let us wholeheartedly and sincerely cooperate with each other in the building of the United Nations Organisation for the maintenance of peace, justice and freedom, and pay our debt to the honoured dead."

M. Bidault, French Premier, said: "Allow me, first of all, to remind you that we are assembled in a peace conference, and peace signifies reconciliation. France had not listened to the speeches of ex-enemy states and the following debates with real satisfaction, because of the differences which had appeared between members of the conference itself."

"My general feeling is that long and important tasks have still to be accomplished before we can reach the necessary agreements," he said.

M. Molotov rejected the Finnish request for a revision of the frontier clauses of the draft treaty, recalling invasion of Russia's northern frontier by White Finns between 1918 and 1922, and Finland's part in the war on Germany's side.

Leningrad
Frontier modification was needed to protect Leningrad, which "had to endure in this war more than any other city," he said. That reparations from Finland were arranged so as to facilitate the rehabilitation of Finnish industry and, in fact, would not even cover the damage caused to Leningrad.

M. Molotov denied the suggestion made by Mr. Byrnes that Russia was opposed to payment of compensation by ex-

Finn Sets A Record

Shannon, Aug. 16. A Finnish sailor, described as the first person ever to attempt stowing away on a trans-Atlantic plane from Ireland, is being held by immigration authorities for deportation to his country.

He gave his name as Sigvard Ludwig Falch, of Helsinki, and explained: "I wanted to get to America and I thought this was the easiest and quickest way."

Falch, the authorities said, climbed into the TWA Sky-master last Monday, while the passengers and crew members were at lunch, and was discovered just before the plane took off for New York.

With no more luggage than a Finnish-English dictionary and a packet of sandwiches, he was said to have been sharing a seat with Will Clayton, U.S. Undersecretary of State. The authorities said he had left the steamer "Shunta" at Dublin and hatched the 160 miles to Shannon airport. — Associated Press.

CATHOLIC BISHOP FACES TRIAL

Belgrade, Aug. 16. A Catholic Bishop will be among six defendants who will stand trial on charges of war crimes and collaboration with the Axis, when Yugoslavia's second major war crimes trial opens next week.

Gregory Rozman, pre-war and war-time Bishop of Ljubljana, is scheduled to be tried in absentia. The Bishop is now in Klagenfurt in the British zone in Austria, said Dr. Ivan Gregorovich, Secretary of the Yugoslav War Crimes Commission, who added that the Bishop is "living in complete freedom". — Association Press.

enemy countries for damage to the property of the United Nations. "We favour both compensation for damage and reparations, not in full, but in part," he said.

Lasting Peace
Of the press reports about the possibility of adjournment of the conference, Mr. Molotov said: "The Soviet delegation feels that we should work here harmoniously with each other in order to bring the conference to an end as soon as possible."

"But the conference should not be adjourned and the Soviet delegation thinks we should consider steps which we ought to take to complete our conference in time. The Soviet delegation believes it is our duty to build up lasting peace, for which the peoples of the world are longing." — Reuter.

TRUMAN TAKES IT EASY

Washington, Aug. 15. President Truman is leaving Washington tomorrow for an 18-day holiday cruise in New England waters, accompanied by a small party, including his closest personal advisers.

It is not expected that any further statement on the Palestine problem will be coming from the White House until September. — Reuter.

Stalin Very Human

London, Aug. 16.

The Labour Party goodwill mission to Russia which returned by air to London today met Generalissimo Stalin and found that the Russian people wished for the greatest possible friendship with Britain.

The party consisted of Professor Harold Laski, Alice Bacon, M.P., and H. Clay, M.P.

"We met most of the people in Russia, including Generalissimo Stalin," one of them said. "We were treated with kindness and found everything easy for us. Everybody was friendly wherever we went. We spent two and a quarter hours with the Generalissimo and I found him a very human person with a sense of humour and very keen intellect." — Reuter.

GANDHI LAUGHS AT THE BOMB

Bombay, Aug. 16.

Mr. M. K. Gandhi last night publicly declared his faith in non-violence, "which neither knows nor accepts defeat at any stage"—even in the face of the atom bomb.

Replying to a questioner—stated to be a British officer—Mr. Gandhi wrote in his newspaper: "A nation or group which has made non-violence its final policy cannot be subjected to slavery, even by the atom bomb." — Reuter.

"Pravda" Sheds Tears Over Mr. Byrnes

London, Aug. 16.

Mr. James F. Byrnes, the American Secretary of State, is described by "Pravda" as high handed, undemocratic and undignified while acting as chairman of the Paris Peace Conference.

The article, headed "Democracy in the Byrnes manner," said that at the August 12 session of the Conference Mr. Byrnes, Russian Foreign Minister, who signs from any discussion of the Italian situation, backing down only on the insistence of Andrei Vishinsky, Assistant Secretary of State, tried to block the Russian minutes of the preceding day's session to show that Mr. Byrnes' attitude was unjustified.

"The head of the American

More Pay For Nurses

Rises for members of the Army, Navy and R.A.F. Nursing Services have been announced by Mr. Lawson, War Minister, in the Commons.

Sisters will start at £150, or more according to previous nursing service, rising to £160 after one year, then by increments of £10 yearly to £220 at seven years. At twelve years there will be another rise to £240 and another to £260 at 17 years. The present rates start at £105 rising to £200 at ten years and remaining at £200.

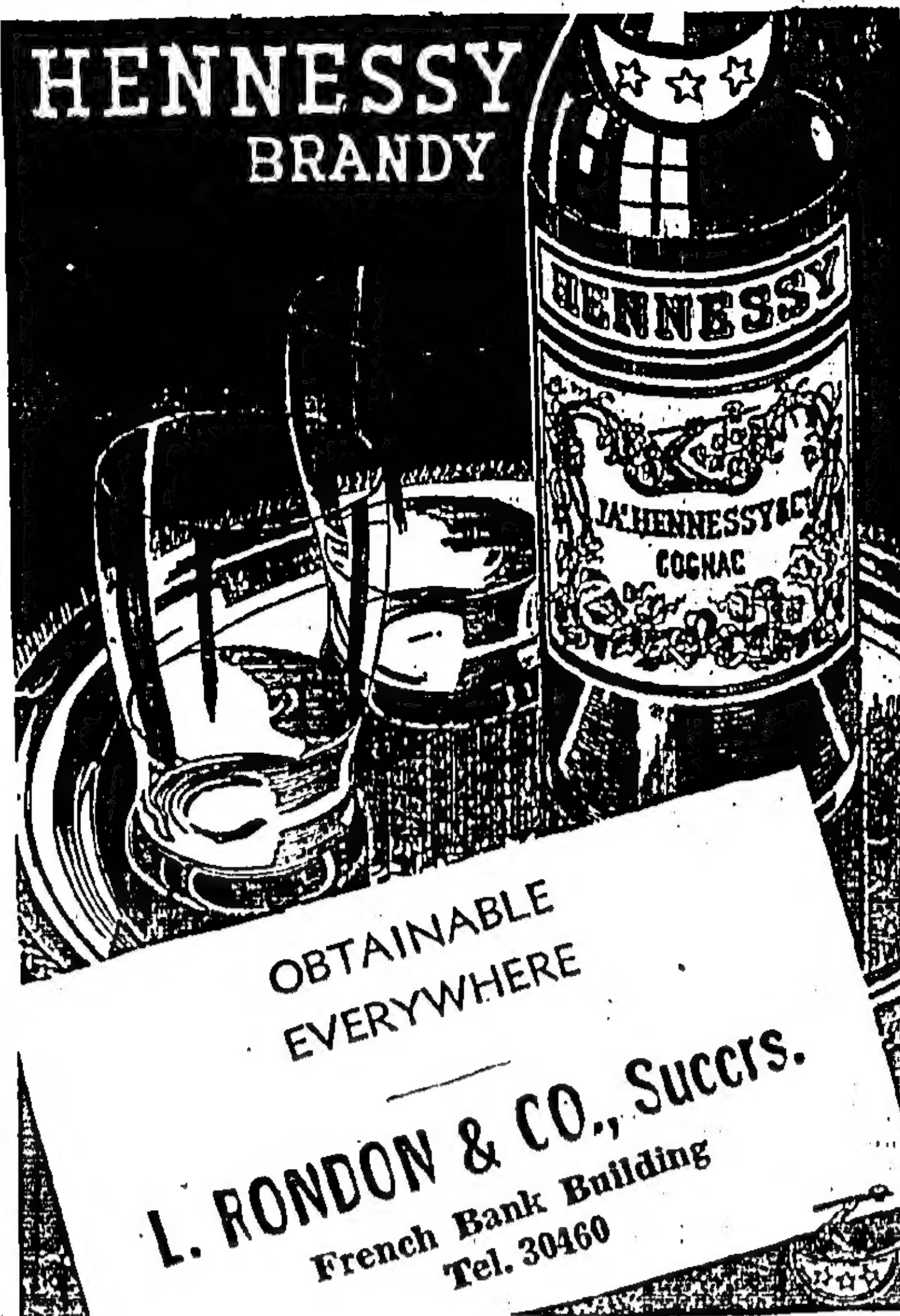
Senior Sisters will get £250 rising by £10 yearly increments to £280, compared with the present £220 rising to £250.

Matrons will start at £300 rising by £25 increments to £450, compared with the present scale of £275 rising to £400.

Principal Matrons will get £625, a rise of £25; Chief Principal Matrons will get £635, compared with £610; The Matron-in-Chief of the Navy and RAF will get £725 and Matron-in-Chief of the Army £755.

The new rates begin on 1st January 1946, with some exceptions. New allowances operate from the same date. Members of the Nursing Services on Indian rates will have their pay adjusted to British rates from 1st July, 1946 under similar arrangements to those announced for unmarried officers in the Indian pay code area.

Retired pay terms for regular nursing services are under consideration. As an interim measure, those retiring on or after 10th, December 1945 will have an increase of ten per cent. Those who retired before that date and served during the war will be allowed re-assessment of their war service. Future retired pay terms for the nursing services, when they are finally approved, will be retrospective from 19th December 1945.



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BY EDGAR MARTIN

Judge To Sum Up In Richards Case This Morning

A.O.C.'s Visit To Nanking

Air Commodore Webster, C.B.E., A.F.C., Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Hong Kong, together with his Air Staff officer, Wing Commander Parrell, has returned from Nanking after a meeting with General Chow Chih Jou, the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Air Force.

The visit to Nanking coincided with the ninth anniversary of the day when the Chinese Air Force attacked the Japanese at Shanghai and Aug. 14 is now celebrated as Air Force Day. In honour of this, a large cocktail party was held by General Chow Chih Jou which was attended by Air Commodore Webster, Air Commodore Bartholomew, the Air Attaché and other members of the R.A.F. Air Commodore Bartholomew flew back with the A.O.C. and will be staying with him for a few days. General Chow Chih Jou was one of the signatories at the surrender of the Japanese at Hong Kong in September, 1945.

C-IN-C, BPF, IN JAPAN

The Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, will tour Japanese ports in H.M.S. Belfast and during the cruise will witness a three-day exercise. Among the ships taking part will be H.M.S. Farallons and H.M.S. Newfoundland, accompanied by five "C" class destroyers, four submarines and the submarine depot ship, Advant, fleet auxiliaries and supply and store ships.

Prior to visiting Japan the C.I.C. will call at Nanking and there pay his respects to Chinese Government leaders.

H.M.S. Hind arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning with some of the crew of the Chinese gunboat Man Ling, which is aground on a reef on the Pratas Shoal. She left again in the afternoon to return to the Pratas with an expert of the Royal Naval Salvage Department on board.

Cable and Wireless announce a reduction in cable rates between Hong Kong and all parts of China as follows: Full rate 40 cents a word (as against 60 cents), code rate 24 cents a word, and Chinese telegrams 20 cents a group.

Evidence that Richards had visited a Catholic priest with a request that he be introduced to the Bishop so that arrangements might be made for a priest to be sent to Stanley to see Mr. C. H. Basto, was given at the continued hearing yesterday of the case against J. J. Richards who is charged under the Defence Regulations.

Evidence was also given that when in Macao, Richards had approached Fr. Granelli with a view to asking members of Mr. C. H. Basto's family to petition on his behalf.

The case is being heard before the Police Judge, Mr. E. I. Williams. The prosecution is conducted by Mr. M. A. da Silva and the defence by Mr. P. C. Woo.

Rev. Fr. A. Granelli of St. Teresa's Church said that some time in 1944 while he was in Macao, Richards came to his house and told him that he, Richards, wanted to get Mr. C. H. Basto's family to do something for Mr. Basto who was in a serious position and that the family should appeal to the Emperor on his birthday.

Witness told Richards to come back the following day and that in the meanwhile he would contact Mr. Basto's relations. That day he met Mr. P. X. d'Almada Remedios and told him what happened and requested him to come to witness's house the next morning and meet Richards.

The appointment was kept by Richards and Remedios and they discussed the matter. Mr. Remedios said that he would speak to the other members of the family. After a few days Mr. Remedios told witness that the family were not doing anything as they were not sure how far Richards was telling the truth and that they were not certain what good or harm might be done by a petition.

Arranged For Priest.

Witness told accused that Bishop Valente was in Hong Kong and on the spot and any appeal thought it should be made there and through Mrs. Basto who was still in Hong Kong.

Rev. Fr. Maestrini said that some time in 1943-44 Richards came to him and asked to be introduced to the Catholic Bishop as he wanted a priest to go out

to Stanley to see Mr. C. H. Basto. Witness got in touch with the Bishop and knew that arrangements were made with the Japanese for a priest, either from the Vicariate or one interned in Stanley to see Mr. Basto.

Later Richards again called on witness. This was about the time that Dr. Selwyn Clarke and others were arrested at the French Convent. Accused said that the Japanese wanted certain information about the Sisters, such as their source of income. He asked for particulars as he said that he did not want the Sisters involved.

Richards was a Catholic and one of his parishioners. He met Richards while interned in Stanley. He knew the members of accused's family better than he did accused.

Greatest Desire

Cross-examined by Mr. Silva, witness agreed that the greatest desire of a Catholic on a deathbed was to see a priest and receive the last sacraments.

He also agreed that no matter how bad a Catholic a man might be, he would call for a priest for a fellow Catholic near death.

William Dorabjee said that he knew accused. After the fall of Hong Kong accused offered to sell him some butter. Witness went to accused's house and while waiting for the butter accused told him that Black had informed him that witness was a spy.

Witness told accused that it was strange as Black was an office colleague of his at the Union Trading Co. Witness was arrested in 1945 by the Japanese and was found with arms.

Cross-examined by Mr. Silva, witness said that he did not speak more to accused when he was accused. He was afraid that more questions would be asked and when he got home he destroyed certain papers.

In reply to Mr. Woo witness said that he did not think there was any connection between the butter incident and his arrest in 1945.

Bridge Books

The last witness for the defence was Mr. Karel Weiss who said that he met Richards in the Hong Kong Hotel in the autumn of 1943. Richards asked him if he had any books on bridge. Witness told him that he had

been alone with the accused's husband.

When accused's husband was ill she did take a minor part in nursing him while the accused was away from the Colony in Kwongchowwan.

On one occasion, when the accused arrived in the Colony from Kwongchowwan, she happened to be at the wharf with accused's husband.

After further cross-examination, the case was adjourned to Aug. 29.

R.M. DESERTER

Described as a deserter from the Royal Marines, Nat Rubin, 20, was sentenced to three months' simple imprisonment when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday to two charges of larceny of a raincoat and portable typewriter.

Sub-Ins. Walter Collins said that Rubin was a deserter from H.M.S. Tamar and had been missing since July 9. The watch and typewriter were the property of Max Marquis, residing at the Peninsula Hotel. He had sold the watch for \$40 and the typewriter for \$100.

WHICH SIDE OF THE ROAD?

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Asked whether there were any peculiarities about accused that helped her to identify him, Mrs. Lau said that from the time he came to arrest her husband, "and particularly after he assaulted me," the impression of Richards was seared in her memory, and she could remember him anywhere.

Macao Visits

Richards in reply to a question from the Judge, said that when he was staying at the Grand Hotel in Macao the rent he paid for his room was \$3 a day, and that when he stayed at the Central Hotel when he went to Macao for the fourth time, the rent he was paying was \$8 or \$9 a day.

This concluded the evidence and, after both defending and prosecuting counsel had addressed the jury, the case was adjourned to 10 a.m. today for the Judge's summing up.

"DUNTRON" THIEF

A steward of the m.v. "Duntroon", Alam H. Crook, 21, was fined \$150 when he pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of two blankets, a sheet and a pillow-case before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Sub-Ins. Askew, prosecuting, said that a sampan putting off from the "Duntroon" had been intercepted by a Police launch and the blankets found aboard. The sampan people had been taken aboard the "Duntroon" where they identified accused as the man they bought the blankets from.

Woman Tells Of Being Assaulted On Praya

An incident involving a young Chinese woman at Connaught Road Central near the Douglas Wharf on July 15, had a sequel before Mr. H. G. Sheldon K. C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday when the woman Chu Wai-hing, appeared as complainant in a summons for assault against four Chinese women.

The accused were Chu Wai-ying and her three sisters.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo for Chan took out a counter-summons of assault against the complainant.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau appeared for Chu Wai-hing.

Helped By Europeans

Chu Wai-hing, in the witness box, said that the four accused surrounded her and attacked her. Her trousers and coat were torn. The attack lasted over 20 minutes. She was unable to offer any resistance.

Two Europeans in a jeep offered her their assistance. On their advice she made a report to the Police.

Dr. Wong of the Police Department gave her a medical examination. Her injuries were bruises over the right eye, lips swollen and bleeding and a swollen left cheek. There were also bruises on her chest.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, she said that first accused, Chan, accused her of attacking her husband.

She worked for Chan's husband, assisting him in business between Kwongchowwan and Sze Ku (Canton). She had never

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Mr. & Mrs. H. Chang.

WEDDINGS

Chang-Yuan

Two well-known Shanghai Chinese families were united yesterday when Miss Katherine Yuan, a former student of the Chiao Tung University, became the bride of Mr. Henry Chang, member of the editorial staff of the "China Mail".

The couple were married by Mr. C. d'Almada e Castro, at the Registry yesterday morning in the presence of the bride's father, Mr. M. K. Yuan, partner of the Luen Wo Trading Company, and Mr. H. J. Yapp, member of the Central News Agency, Hong Kong.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Yuan and the bridegroom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Chang. Except for the bride's father, the members of both families are in Shanghai, and held separate receptions there yesterday to celebrate the occasion.

Miss Yuan, who arrived from Shanghai recently, wore a conventional white satin bridal dress. A pleated yolk of the same material ran all the way round the neck from one shoulder to the other.

The veil was tucked into soft folds and held in place by delicate stitching, and the bride wore a white gardenia in her hair.

At a reception given at the Hong Kong Hotel in the afternoon, the bride was attired in a lovely dress cut in new asymmetric line combining evening's two alluring colours—mauve and orange-pink—which while carrying a touch of Western influence retained the simplicity and charm of the Chinese costume.

It streamed from big wide shoulders and deep-slung sleeves to a slip of a skirt and was made of elegant silk linen. A silver brooch in the form of a curling dragon brought all the way from Chengtu fastened to the folds of the shoulder, made the dress unusual.

The honeymoon is being spent in Macao.

Daveux—Ho

The wedding took place in St. Joseph's Church yesterday afternoon of M. Georges Daveux, of Credit Foncier, and Miss Stella Ho, daughter of the late Mr. Ho Yu, for many years comrade of the Mercantile Bank of India, Australia and China. The Rev. Fr. Riganti officiated.

M. Daveux was a member of the H.K.V.D.C. in the defence of Hong Kong and only recently returned from leave in Belgium, after more than three years as a prisoner of war at Shamshuipo.

The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. Ho Hung-kin, and was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Ho, as bridesmaid. Mr. L. Percipkin undertook the duties of best man.

There was a very large gathering of guests later at the Gloucester Hotel, when the toast to the newly weds was proposed by the bride's grand-uncle, Sir Robert Ho Tung.

In proposing the toast, Sir Robert said:

"Being the senior member of the very large family from which the bride comes I can say that she possesses all the charm and efficiency which make her generation so much more alluring than that of mine. Educated at the Diocesan Girls' School and being at the top of her class every year, Stella showed, even in her teens, that she was growing up into a capable and attractive young woman. Today we see her in the full bloom of maidenhood. I can only congratulate the bridegroom on his choice."

"A girl with Stella's discerning eye is not likely to choose amiss. And Stella has certainly endeared herself to one of the most eligible bachelors in town. The groom is known and known so well to you that I can only repeat his obvious virtues. You all know that he is a member of the well known firm of Credit Foncier. You also know what a good reputation that firm bears as one of the most public-spirited of landlords and most enlightened of

Grover Committed To Trial

Lower Court proceedings were completed yesterday at the Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada in the case in which Grover is charged under the Defence Regulations, and in the course of the evidence it was disclosed that Grover toasted the Emperor of Japan at a dinner on the day of the fall of Singapore.

Grover was committed to stand trial at the Criminal Sessions. He was represented by Mr. Alfred Hon and the prosecution was conducted by Mr. R. S. Smith.

Mrs. Leigh said that at the fall of Hong Kong she was in charge of Volunteer dependants at Alburgh Hall. After the surrender the Volunteer dependants were told to quit but were allowed to remain after she had promised to keep house and clean up the place for a Japanese.

She saw accused there. He was in company with the Japanese, and was seen removing furniture, carpets and silverware from other flats.

In reply to Mr. Hon, witness said that the Volunteer dependants received their food through Dr. Selwyn Clarke and not through Grover. Food was brought to the house but it was for Grover and his crowd. She did not remove any furniture belonging to Mr. Scott or Mr. Lissman.

Proposed Toast

Miss Vida Williams of the Tramway Co., said that after the fall of Hong Kong she was living at Alburgh Hall. She saw accused there. She did not know exactly what he was doing but he was working for the Japanese.

At the fall of Singapore she was invited by a Japanese captain to dinner. Others present were accused, Mrs. Leigh, Mr. Webster and other Japanese.

During dinner the captain told them that he had good news and asked of the fall of Singapore. He asked all to stand and drink to Japan. She stood up but did not drink. Mrs. Leigh also refrained from drinking.

Later Grover proposed a toast to the Emperor of Japan. They discussed this later and witness remembered that Mrs. Leigh told Grover that she was surprised that he did such a thing.

Later witness removed to Tregunter Mansions. Grover came from time to time and removed furniture from the flats, as well as household effects.

Drew Rations From Grover

Cross-examined, Miss Williams said that the captain treated them quite well. She thought that if a genuine appeal were made to him he would help.

She did not see Grover drink before or after the party. He drank during the party. She could not say if he were drunk, she did not know his capacity.

A. Ivankivitch said that at the surrender of Hong Kong he joined the Military Investigation Department. The work was to grab anything of value. He knew accused and met him in the Dairy

Farm. He appeared to be in charge of the stock. He drew his rations from Grover. On one occasion he was given a chit to draw rations and Grover crossed out many items, saying there were none. Witness told him that he, witness, had himself carried in the goods as there were no cooles.

Grover reserved his defence.

MONEY MART

After the setback of the previous day gold made a remarkable recovery yesterday and from \$301 a tael in the morning it jumped to \$374. At the close it eased off to \$369. Chinese National Currency was again lifeless and remained motionless at \$1.71 for futures and \$1.82 for spot (for CN\$1,000). U.S. dollars were dealt in at \$4.39/\$4.49; and Sterling had buyers at \$15.53; and Australian pounds at \$12.53.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Aug. 16.
Closing rates were:—
Buying Selling
CN\$ CN\$
Gold per ounce . . . 193,300 193,300
U.S. Dollars . . . 2,550 2,560
H.K. Dollars . . . 567 572
* Unofficial market.
—Associated Press.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. Ambrosini, Mr. J. A. Rinaldi, Dr. I. Newton, Mr. W. Walker, Mr. Q. L. Dno, Mr. G. B. Knight, Mr. A. Robertson, Mr. F. Fair, Mr. John I. Stewart, Mr. W. B. Lovejoy, Miss B. Glazebrook, Mr. F. B. Hall, Mr. H. N. Banerjee, Mr. E. A. Dubois, Mr. F. R. Milright, Mr. A. Akesson, Cdr. B. W. Galpin, Mr. A. M. Buchanan, Mr. R. P. Beck and Capt. P. Knudsen.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mrs. R. G. Lapper, Mr. C. E. Tomlett, Mrs. E. M. Halton, Mrs. Brusse, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rozeskiw, Capt. J. R. Rossi, Messrs. C. V. Lam, C. Y. Mao, Capt. T. B. Liang, Mr. T. L. Chen, Mr. H. J. C. Brown, Capt. Rich Krupke, Capt. O. S. Glen, Capt. W. D. Tucker, Mr. R. Zosa, Mr. A. Laureano, Messrs. I. Caparus—Banks, Mr. Sun Yo, Mr. T. W. Eekusley, Mr. G. L. Maggs, Mrs. C. M. Fawcett and son, Mr. R. Hannigan, Mr. L. W. Macey, Mr. M. M. Swan.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Formosa on account of cholera.

Readers' Letters

The Under-Dog

Sir,—It is a pity that there are not more people like OLD TIMER to speak for the under dog. There are many points in his letter which are all too true, just as there are quite a number of things not mentioned. All too long have we suffered, our wives and children languishing as we experience difficulty in earning enough to provide them with, not luxury, but what they need to keep in health. The cost of living has risen and in spite of efforts to keep down costs everything that is really necessary still costs far too much. Our prices are influenced by many factors and in spite of all efforts, going without clothes and many necessities, pawning all to keep going.

property owners.

"This marriage is born of a pre-war romance, so I am told. The Pacific War has but strengthened that tie. Anyone who can stand the test of these cruel years will no doubt be able to face the future with confidence and faith. And so as great grand-uncle of this couple I wish them Godspeed in their married life and I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to join with me in wishing them every health and happiness. Ladies and gentlemen, the bride and bridegroom."

Among the many guests were Mr. Ho Kam-long, C.B.E., Sir Robert Kotewall, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. Kwok Chau, Mr. Horace Lo, Mr. and Mrs. F. Zimmer, the Rev. George She, Mr. W. A. Zimmerman, Mr. Kam Cheung-yan, Mr. Kam Chung-fai and many others.

ing, the increase in pay received is so small that our employers are surely not playing the game. With so many clerks available there is no possibility of striking, but it might be good for the authorities of Hong Kong to get instructions from London regarding the desirability of establishing a Union of office clerks and others on the same scale.

I do not know much about these things, but I do know that in order to keep going I have to spend much more than my employers are paying me. I have to contribute, in other words, to keep my employer's business going.

Your paper is well known for efforts to make Hong Kong a better place to live in, and we hope that you will take up this matter for the good of this place.

C. H.

Tile Doiled

Sir,—I feel I must compliment "Service Girl" on her answer to "Civvy" in today's paper. I take my hat off to her as I think her reply to "Civvy" also applies to "Foocy". As a matter of fact I consider her reply to be a better one than my own. What do you think, "Foocy"?

"DOUBLE FOOCY."

Price Of Bread

Sir,—It would be appreciated if the appropriate authority would kindly state whether an increase in the price of bread has been sanctioned, as many shopkeepers are now demanding 50 cents a pound, claiming that the increase has been necessary consequent upon the increase in the cost of flour rationed by Government.

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Jap. Sergeant Denies Allegations

Further evidence as to the manner in which Archie Wong had been beaten and tortured by Sgt. Miyasue Suekichi was given at yesterday's War Crimes Trial by witnesses for the prosecution.

Accused, giving evidence on his behalf, denied all the allegations which had been made against him by the prosecution witnesses.

J.S.A. Curram, conveying clerk in the employ of Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors, declared that he was arrested by the Japanese on or about May 25, 1945 and taken to No. 7 Police Station. Witness was detained there for about three weeks and then transferred to Aberdeen Police Station during the latter part of June 1945.

While at Aberdeen witness was interrogated for at least five days running by accused. While he was being interrogated, witness was struck all over the body and head by accused. On one occasion, accused used Chinese wooden clogs to strike witness on the head and caused witness' head to bleed profusely.

Received Parcel

Witness knew Archie Wong and saw him at No. 7 Police Station. It was about the end of May that witness first saw Wong. He was then quite well and healthy. After being in custody for two or three weeks, witness and Wong were confronted with each other and received beatings from accused while being interrogated.

Witness remembered the evening of the transfer from Aberdeen to Central Police Station because accused brought in food parcels and clean clothing for change. The cell gates were opened and prisoners allowed to go to the office to take their parcels. Parcels were not handed to prisoners, but thrown at them by accused.

Eddie Tsui did not receive any parcel and when he asked accused if there was any for him, the only reply he received from accused was a couple of blows. When Archie Wong went out for his parcel, he received, from accused, a terrible beating over the head and body with a wooden practice rifle. Wong seemed very dazed and could hardly find his way back to the cell. Witness did not see Archie Wong while at Central Police Station.

"Fat Fellow"

When witness enquired of Wong why he was not eating, Wong said that as a result of the beatings he had received from the "fat fellow" he always threw up his food as soon as it was eaten. The accused was known in Chinese as "the fat fellow." At the time, Wong was very weak in health. When witness heard that Wong had died, he was not surprised as Wong was in such a bad state when he was taken to the Central Police Station that the other prisoners had to carry him from the truck to the office at the Station. From what he had heard from Wong, witness was of the opinion that Wong's death must have been caused as a result of the hardships he had been through.

The next witness for the prosecution, Mr. Omar, otherwise Wong Lai Keng, stated that she had known Archie Wong since he was about 15 years of age. Witness saw Archie Wong when he was in custody.

On one occasion, when she was being led back to her own cell by a Gendarme, she saw Wong outstretched on the floor, with his clothing wet and accused standing over him and stepping on Wong's stomach. Wong was shaking his head and shouting out loudly: "I did not do it. I did not do it."

Deaths

Mrs. J. Wynyard

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at Kowloon Hospital yesterday, of Mrs. James Wynyard.

Mrs. Wynyard, who died after a lingering illness, is survived by her husband. She was married less than a year ago.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 this afternoon.

Lt.-Col. Huxham

The Military Funeral took place yesterday of Lieut. Colonel H.C.D. Huxham, R.A.S.C., who died suddenly on Thursday. The funeral was attended by the Acting G.O.C., Brigadier P.L. Lindsay, and officers and men of Land Forces.

Chief Scout At Rally

His Excellency the Governor, as Chief Scout, spent over an hour in Causeway Bay yesterday watching the scouts at first aid work, bridge building, signalling and other scout craft.

This was the first occasion His Excellency has seen the local Boy Scouts at work and the rally was specially arranged as a welcome to His Excellency in accepting the position of Chief Scout here. Over 820 members of the 17 troops in Hong Kong and Kowloon were present.

During the afternoon His Excellency presented the Silver Cross to Wong Kai-cheung (1st H.K. Sea Scouts) for gallantry. Wong was responsible for saving the life of a fisherman off Waglan in December 1941 after a sampan had been sunk by the Japanese.

Accompanying His Excellency were Major Kite, his secretary and others present were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Chau, Mrs. Ryder, Commodore Everett, Mrs. P. Wong, Mr. C. C. Quah, Deputy Commissioner and Hon. Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association, Mr. J. Pau, District Commissioner, Hong Kong, Mr. G. S. P. Hayward, Assistant Commissioner for Rovers, Mr. S. Lobato Farla, District Scout Master, Kowloon, Mr. Wong Yat-hing, District Commissioner Scout Master, Hong Kong, and Mr. Tony Young, District Scout Master, New Territories.

Welcoming His Excellency Mr. C. C. Quah said:—"Since 1941 when you first consented to be our Chief Scout and Patron, we have looked forward to meeting you, and I can assure you that the long interval that has elapsed has not dampened that desire; rather it has served to increase it. On behalf of the entire Boy Scouts Association, I welcome you with all the joy in our hearts."

Growing Numbers

"Perhaps it may be well to give a short account of Scouting in the Colony at present. Today, we have roughly 800 Scouts including those of the Troops which have recently come into existence. I may mention that the 13th H.K. (Central Chinese) Troop was the first troop to get going after the liberation. Enthusiasm is growing daily, but our greatest handicap at the moment is the shortage of scoutmasters. Our Headquarters has been completely looted.

"Thanks to Lt. Col. Mitchell and Major Williams, we are allowed the use of a room in the Volunteer Headquarters. Practically all the troops have had to start from scratch. In spite of these and other inevitable drawbacks, I am pleased to say that the fine spirit shown more than compensates for the present inconveniences and speaks well for the future of Scouting in Hong Kong. I must also state the Association has received help from various Government Offices in the form of equipment and donations for all of which we are extremely grateful."

In reply, His Excellency expressed his pleasure at being with them and said that when he accepted the position of Chief Scout in 1941 he did not have an opportunity of meeting the Boy Scouts. But he had heard of their good work, and especially that of the Despatch Riders.

THE BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

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Notice is hereby given that The Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Head Office of the Company, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, August 17th 1946 at 3:00 p.m.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from August 10th to August 17th 1946 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

D. S. YUAN
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, August 7th, 1946.

DID YOU SEE ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE JAPANESE INVADING FORCES IN HAPPY VALLEY IN DECEMBER 1941

The War Crimes Commission have now in custody in SUGAMO Prison in TOKYO the Commander of the Japanese regiment which landed on the coast of HONG KONG Island Between NORTH POINT and TAIKOO SUGAR FACTORY in December, 1941.

This regiment after landing advanced along the coast towards WANCHAI, capturing SOKUMPOO, TAI HANG Village, EAST POINT and finally halted after occupying HAPPY VALLEY.

The War Crimes Investigation Unit have certain affidavits on alleged atrocities committed by the assault troops in these areas. It is known that many more atrocities were committed in HAPPY VALLEY, and the War Crimes Investigation Unit would much appreciate if witnesses of any such atrocities would come forward to give evidence at their Headquarters, 'D' Block, VICTORIA BARRACKS, H. Q. Land Forces, Tel: 34048.

It is not necessary for witnesses to identify the troops who committed these atrocities, but it is important that there should be corroborative evidence of each alleged incident.

The War Crimes Investigation Unit would also appreciate any information which would enable them to obtain evidence on such atrocities.

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NOTICE

Owing to major repairs to the Company's Generating Plant, consumers are warned that the following districts will be without a supply from 0030 hours to 0430 hours approximately on Sunday, 18th August, 1946.

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Hong Kong, 14th August, 1946.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "HICKORY BURN"

Damaged cargo ex S.S. "Hickory Burn" will be examined at Holt's Wharf between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 noon on 19th to 20th August and consignees representatives are requested to be present at the time of examination.

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31228 Private Office.

GOVERNMENT OF HONGKONG

Medical Department.

NOTICE

The following extract from the Nurses Registration Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 1 of 1931, is published for information.

9—(1) Every person who—

a. Not being a person duly registered under this Ordinance, at any time after the expiration of three months from the date on which the Governor in Council gives public notice that a register of nurses has been compiled under this Ordinance, uses the title of registered nurse or its equivalent in any other language, either alone or in combination with any other words or letters, or uses any name, title, addition, description, uniform, or badge, implying that he or she is registered under this Ordinance, or is recognized by law as a registered nurse, or uses any title, uniform or badge prescribed for the use of nurses registered under this Ordinance; or

b. being a person whose name is included in any part of the register, at any time after the expiration of the period aforesaid uses any name, title, addition, description, uniform or badge, or otherwise does any act of any kind, implying that his or her name is included in some other part of the register in which it is not included; or

c. at any time with intent to deceive, makes use of any certificate or registration as a nurse issued under this Ordinance to him or her or to any other person, shall upon summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Registration and re-registration will be restarted from 15th August, 1946.

Applications for registration or for retention of their names on the register should be made to the Secretary, Nurses Board, Post Office Building, Top Floor, between 11.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday, commencing August 15th. Applications should be accompanied by the appropriate scheduled fees (\$10 for registration and \$2 for retention of names); as well as two copies of passport size photograph. Failing to pay the said retention fee, the nurses' names shall be excluded from the roll.

WARNING

The public is hereby warned that on and after 1st January, 1947, the provisions of the Nurses Registration Ordinance, No. 1 of 1931, will be rigidly enforced and proceedings will be taken against any person acting in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance.

P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE, Director of Medical Services.

12th August, 1946.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

Applications are invited for the post of full time Secretary to the above club.

Please apply in writing by September 1st to

R. G. GRAY, Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.G.C. c/o Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong.

NOTICE

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

Affiliated to the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.

ALL PERSONS interested in photography are invited to attend a meeting to be held at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd August, 1946, in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

ROBERT A. BATES, Honorary Secretary.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20224.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Acting Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday the 17th August 1946, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Pedder Building (Basement).

138 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, comprising:

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Machines, Drilling Machines, Bench Vices, Etc., Etc.

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Lathes, Strokes Shapers, Bench Drills, Motors, Rollers, Spindles, Castings, Scrap Iron, Column Drills, Etc., Etc.

The above premises will be open to inspection on 15th and 16th August, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Inspection Permits will be issued by the Undersigned.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the 9th March, 1946, issue of the Gazette.

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NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following stores:

(1) Scrap Iron and Steel of various descriptions.

(2) Old Packing Cases etc. as Firewood.

The above stores are lying in various sites in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Naval Yards, Tai-koo Sugar Refinery, North Point, and other Naval Establishments and are required to be removed once a week for a period of 3 months commencing 1st September 1946.

Successful tenderers are required to pay a Deposit of \$3,000— for the Contract of the Scrap and \$1,000— for that of the Firewood, and also to settle their accounts weekly for quantities removed. Deposits will be returned to the successful Tenderer on termination of the Contract.

Tender forms can be obtained on application at Section VI of Naval Store Department, H.M. Naval Yard, between 10 a.m. and 12 Noon on 15th, 16th and 17th August 1946 and should be returned in a sealed cover-addressed to Supt. Naval Store Officer, H. M. Naval Yard, Hong Kong, on or before Noon Tuesday, 20th August 1946.

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The Kin Lee Godown, 'West Point, (Ground Floor)', where the goods are stored, will be open to inspection on 17th and 18th August, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

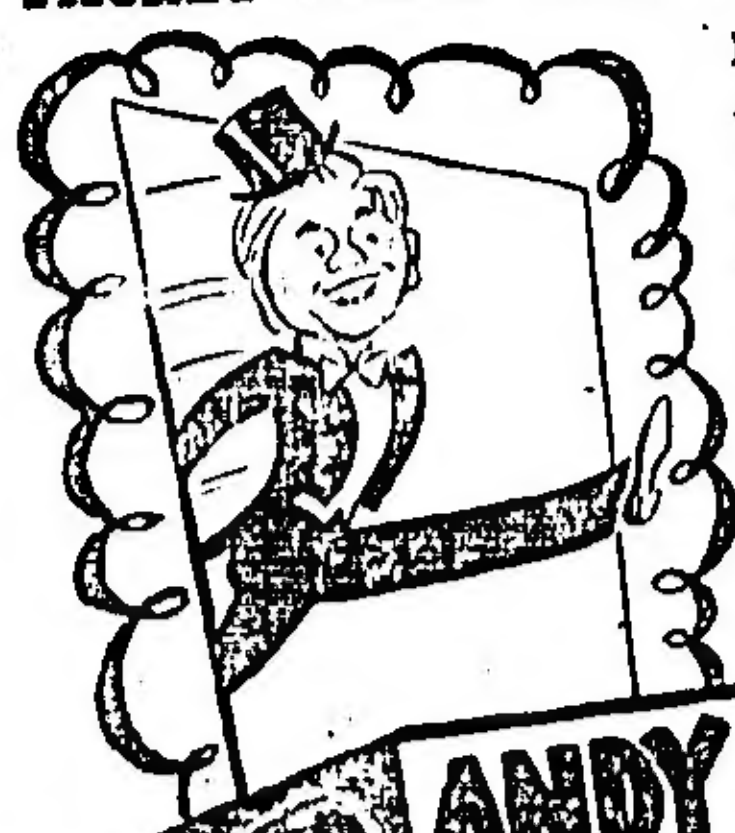
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BRIDGE NOTES

It's an axiom of bridge that you can't handle four suits properly until you know how to get the most out of each suit separately; but sometimes the proper management of a single suit depends on what you can learn from the play of the other suits. For example:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
S. A 10 3 2
H. A 10
D. A K Q 10
C. J 3 2
S. K Q J N. 9 7
8 6 5 W. E. 11 6 2
H. 8 7 3 S. 10 J 9 7 4
D. 8 2 E. 3
C. Q 6 C. K 9 8 7

The bidding:
S. 4 H. K Q J 9 5 4
D. 8 5
C. A 10 5 4

South West North East
1H. 1S. 3D. Pass
3H. Pass 3S. Pass
4C. Pass 4H. Pass
5H. Pass 6H. Pass

The bidding was a trifle on the optimistic side, but South was confident of his ability to get the most out of the hand, and his confidence seemed justified by the result.

West opened with the King of spades, and dummy won with the Ace. South saw that he'd have no trouble if the diamonds could produce four tricks, for that would give him two club discards. But if only one club discard could be obtained, there would be a choice of play in the club suit to limit the loss to one trick.

If West had both club honours probably no play would make the contract; and if East had both probably any sensible play would be all right. If the honours were divided and the suit were split 3-3, correct defence would defeat the contract. If the honours were divided and the suit was split 4-2 there would be a choice of play. If East had only two clubs, correct play would be to lead a low club from the dummy and finesse the ten; but if West had only two clubs, correct play would be to lead the Jack from dummy.

To discover the correct club play, South ruffed a spade in his hand at the second trick, drew two trumps, and ruffed another spade. Then he drew the last trump dummy discarding the last spade. By this time he knew that West had started with six spades and three trumps. The first diamond lead showed that West could not have had four clubs, so South properly decided to play him for only two clubs by leading the Jack of clubs from the dummy. After that choice, no defence could defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were David Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. A 10 7 8
H. J 5
D. 10 6
C. A K 6 4 3

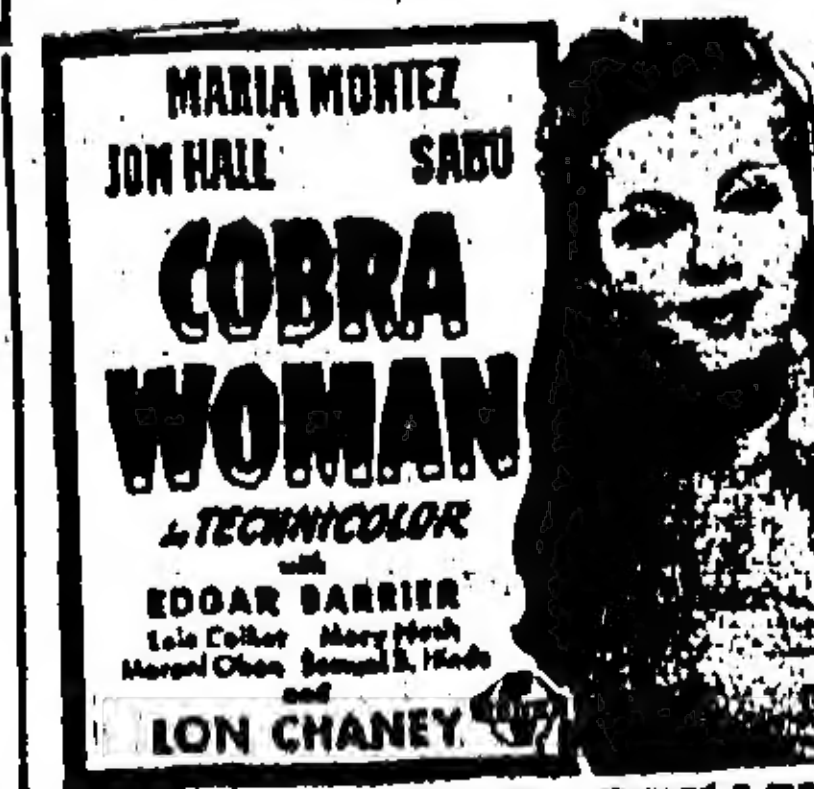
The bidding:
Jacoby You Schenken Burnstone
Pass 1C. Pass 1H.
Pass 1S. Pass 3D.
Pass (?)

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New Hope Of Solution In India?

London, Aug. 16.

Events in India are being watched with intense interest in political circles here, writes Reuters political correspondent. But the situation is regarded as so delicate that almost it would seem by mutual consent all quarters are refraining from controversial comment upon them at the moment.

In official quarters, there is complete silence. Labour Party circles welcomed with relief Pandit Nehru's acceptance of the Viceroy's invitation to submit proposals for the formation of an interim government as marking the end of the deadlock with all its possibilities.

There is regret at what Labour weekly "Tribune" says observers term the intransigent attitude of the Muslim League, but hopes are still expressed that time will bring a change in the Muslim attitude. At the same time, it is emphasised that the Labour Government will have the support of every Labour Member of Parliament should an interim government be formed in India consisting of Congress nominees and non-League Muslims.

In Conservative circles there is the same marked reluctance to comment. According to well-informed Conservative sources, Mr. Churchill will take an early opportunity of expressing his views, which include disassociating the Conservative Party from the Labour Government's policy. That eventuality is regarded with some concern by the more moderate Conservative opinion, which is nevertheless with Mr. Churchill in the denunciations he has made privately of the action of the Muslim leaders in relinquishing titles conferred on them by Britain.

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Under the heading "New Hope for India," the Leftwing

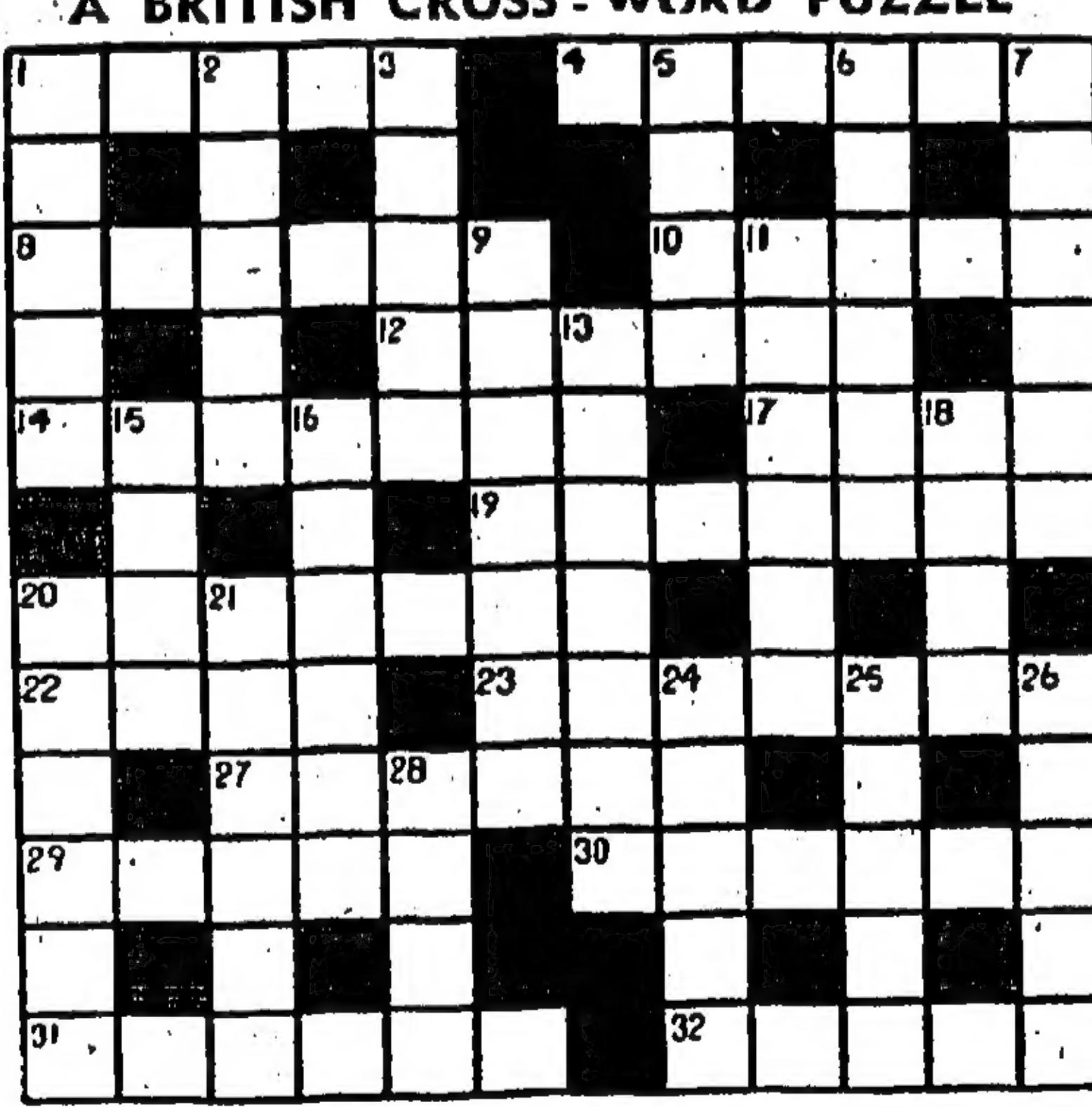
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14. In column form. 30. Vigorous.
31. Mountain songs.
17. Partiality. 32. Subsequently.
18. Theft.

Down

1. Besiege. 7. Fashionable. 15. Enclosed space.
2. Bush. 9. Hardy. 16. Final issue.
3. Reward for merit. 11. Disorderly mob. 19. Weapons.
5. Enormous. 13. Succeed. 20. Artful.
6. Indian corn. 21. Climb.

Yesterday's Crossword

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DOWN:— 1. Clod. 2. Fuss. 4. Trip. 5. Micro. 6. Extol. 7. Endue. 9. Mimic. 10. Gloat. 12. Irate. 14. Bulge. 16. Clivet. 17. Lager. 19. Strum. 20. Wilder. 21. Rapt. 22. Boom. 23. Loop. 24. Dull.

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Winnipeg, Aug. 16.	Alexandria, Aug. 16.
October 1st 11.00—Associated Press.	Gold, per fine ounce 102 1/2—Reuter.

London Stock ExchangeLondon, Aug. 15.
The stocks market today was mainly professional and semi-professional, public interest being at a minimum. The spreading strike in copper mines early depressed copper shares but some late support at lower levels assisted recovery.

South African gold mines were stimulated by improved labour situations while Cape buying on prospects of good Kimberley sales helped diamond issues.

A prominent feature of the oil market was the strength of Canadian Eagles and Mexican Eagles, which gained around 6d but there is no significance for this movement. Anglo-Iranians, however, were dull on the statement by the Iranian Prime Minister regarding the presence of British troops in that area. Short-dated British funds met sizeable institutional buying while there was also some public interest.

Consols, 2 1/2 per cent 1945/75 97, Conversion Loan, 3 1/2 per cent 12 1/2, War Loan, 3 1/2 per cent 108-15/16, New War Loan, 3 per cent 108-11/16, Victory Bonds, 4 per cent 113-1/16, German Loan, 7 per cent (Dawes) 11, Japanese Bonds, 5 per cent, 1907 22, Canton-Kowloon Railway 21, Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 5 per cent 26, Lung-Tsing U. Hai Rly, 5 per cent, 1913 21, Reorg. Loan, 5 per cent 1913 (London Iss) 50, Crisp Loan, 5 per cent, 1911 47, Hukang Railway, 5 per cent, 1911 28, Honan Railway, 5 per cent, 1903 31, Shanghai-Nanking Railway, 5 per cent 28, Mercantile Bank of India, "A" 22, Chartered Bank of I. A. & C. 13-1/16, H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation 20 1/2, Lydenburg Estates 121/3, South Africa Townships 30/6, Selection Trust 50/-, South Africa Torbanites 12 1/2, Canadian Pacific 23-1/16, Mexican Eagles 14 1/8—Reuter.

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interim government." The weekly continues: "It is now up to Mr. Jinnah to accept or reject the offer of five seats for the Muslim League. His first official reaction has been wholly negative. That was to be expected and does not necessarily mean that he will not eventually become more co-operative when he sees that his intransigence is no longer able to uphold decisions. The decisive step which we have been for so long urging has at last been taken. The minority is no longer to be allowed to place a veto on the advance of the majority. The Muslim League has a chance to cooperate if it chooses."

Own Fault

"If it does not it will have to stay out in the cold and the fault will be entirely its own."

The independent and non-party "Time and Tide" comments that "India's leaders have now, all of them, a chance and also a duty to fulfil. The cards are all in their hands; it is for them to play them skillfully and carefully. Pandit Nehru has made a good beginning. It is for Mr. Jinnah to supply as good a sequel."

The intellectual Labour weekly "New Statesman and Nation" says: "The initiative taken by the British Government in instructing the Viceroy to invite Congress to form an interim government is a statesmanlike move. It should convince India of the sincerity of our determination not to allow another deadlock to develop on the communal issue, or to allow Hindu-Muslim differences as an excuse for inaction."

Hint Of Bargaining

"The Viceroy's move, we are glad to note, was facilitated by the fact that the Working Committee of Congress had reacted with wisdom and generosity to the provocations of the Muslim League. In a carefully-worded resolution it had appealed for Muslim cooperation in the constructive work of establishing Indian independence and has done all in its power to remove the suspicions and misunderstandings caused by Pandit Nehru's statement." The "New Statesman" describes the Congress statement as admirable, but fears that Mr. Jinnah will not respond if at all without hard bargaining."—Reuter.

London, Aug. 15.
Silver, Spot, per fine oz. 55 1/2, Silver, Forward, per fine oz. 55 1/2, Bar Gold, fine, oz. 172 1/8—Reuter.**N.Y. STOCK MARKET**New York, Aug. 16.
Closing stock market quotations:
Adams Express 20 1/4, Alaska Juneau 7, American Can 101, American Smelting 62 1/2, American Telephone 197 1/2, American Tobacco 82, American Waterworks 22 1/4, Anaconda Copper 45, Aviation Corporation 9 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 30 1/2, Barnsdall 30, Bendix Aviation 45 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 110 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 29, Borden Co. 52 1/2, Canadian Pacific 18 1/2, J. I. Case 46 1/2, Chrysler 117 1/2, Colgate 37 1/2, Commercial Solvent 27 (Correct), Corn Products 67 1/2, Eastman Kodak 230, Electric Light & Power 23 1/2, General Electric 40 1/4, General Motors 67 1/2, Goodrich 77 1/2, Goodyear 69, Homestead Mining 42, International Harvester 93 1/2, International Paper 50 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 22 1/2, Johns Manville 130 1/2, Kennecott Copper 57 1/2, Montgomery Ward 79, National Distillers 30 1/2, National Lead 37 1/2, New York Central 23, Packard Motors 8 1/2, Pan-American Airways 18 1/2, Pennsylvania R.R. 36 1/2, Radio Corporation 13 1/2, Real Silk 25 1/2, Republic Steel 37 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 42 1/2, Schenley 98 1/2, Sears Roebuck 43 1/2, Shell Oil 37 1/2, Socony Vacuum 17 1/2, Southern Pacific 60 1/2, Standard Brands 45 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 59, Standard Oil of N.J. 77 1/2, Studebaker 31 1/2, Union Bag 37, Union Carbide 112, U.S. Rubber 73 1/2, U.S. Steel 88 1/2, Westinghouse 30 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 80—Associated Press.**H.K. Buying Of Gold**London, Aug. 15.
Bullion circles in London are paying attention to Hong Kong reports that Chinese speculators there are buying Mexican gold through United States banks for shipment from Mexico via San Francisco. Obviously, the buyers have the necessary United States Dollars and the movement seems to be spreading, owing to the political chaos and currency disturbance in China.

The Mexican authorities by selling gold at equivalent to \$40.6 instead of at the official price of \$35 per ounce make a useful profit even though Mexico charges a smaller premium than the Eastern, Middle Eastern and most South American free markets.

The export price of the Mexican 50 peso coin, containing 37.5 grammes of fine gold, equals U.S.\$43, which equals a 16 per cent premium.—Reuter.

N.Y. COTTONNew York, Aug. 16.
Cotton was listless and irregular. Gains of \$1.25 a bale were registered in early trading but closed 35 higher to 90 cents lower. The hesitancy was caused by the dullness in the textile market and fear of a reduction in the cotton export subsidy.
October 35.41, December 36.00, March 35.66, May 35.50-52, July 35.01, Middling spot 36.76.
New Orleans, cotton closed 20 to 65 cents lower.
October 35.88, December 35.93-96, March 35.80-83, May 35.49, July 34.95, Middling spot 35.85.—Associated Press.**CHICAGO GRAINS**Chicago, Aug. 16.
Corn and oats weakened when good moisture was reported over wide sections of the grain belt. March corn dropped 4 1/2 cents in a thin market before the decline was halted.
Corn closed 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 cents lower, January \$1.33 1/4-4. Oats were off 1/4 to 1 1/4, August 73 1/2-4.
December barley sold at \$1.28 1/2, off 1/4.—Associated Press.**REUTERS U.K. INDEX**London, Aug. 15.
Industrials 153.3, Kaffirs 116.3, Home Ralls 93.1, Commodity 241.1.—Reuter.**Exchanges In London**London, Aug. 15.
Duty to Day Loan 1/2 per cent, Short Money 3/4 to 1 per cent, Bank Bills, 3 Months 17/32 per cent, Bank Bills 6 Months 9/16 to 1/2 per cent, Fine Trade Bills, 3 Months 1 to 1 1/4 per cent, Fine Trade Bills 6 Months 1 1/4 to 2 1/4 per cent, Treasury Bills 2 Months 1/2 to 17/32 per cent, Treasury Bills 3 Months 1/2 to 17/32 per cent.

On New York 4,025, 4,035, Montreal 4,02, 4,04, Zurich 17.34, 17.36, Stockholm 14.47, 14.50, Buenos Aires unquoted, Brazil 76.4008, Brazil (colliers) unquoted, Uruguay unquoted, Belgium 107.50, Paris & French Empire 479.50, 480.30, Syria 881, 885, Lisbon 90.80, 100.20, Swiss Bank Notes Middle 17.25, 17.50, Netherlands West Indies 7.58, Holland 10.63, Panama 4.02, 4.04, Denmark 19.32, 19.36, Prague 201, 202, Norway 19.09, 20.02.

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Free Market Rates:—India 17.94, 18.00, Australia 125, 125.50, New Zealand 124.37, 125, South Africa 100, 100.50, Teheran 128, 130, Alexandria 97.375, 97.625, Singapore 2/4-1/32, 2 1/4, Hong Kong 1/2-15/16, 1/3-1/16, Philippines 8.10, 8.15, Rangoon 1/5-15/16, 1/6-1/16, Shanghai 7000 sellers.Special A/C Rates:—Lima 26.10, 26.10, Lapaz 168.62, 170.32, Valparaiso 100.025, 101.300, Turkey 520.
Central American A/C Rates:—Mexico 19.45, 19.65, Bogota 7.00, 7.05.—Reuter.**New York Exchanges**New York, Aug. 15.
American A/C Sterling 4.03-7/16, 4.03-9/16, American A/C Sterling 3 Months 4-7/16, 4.03-9/16, On Sweden 27.61, 27.84, France 84, 84 1/2, Switzerland (Official) 23.40, 23.55, Switzerland (Free) 24.15, 24.55, Spain 0.20, Portugal 4.04 1/2, 4.04, Australia 3.23, New Zealand 3.25, South Africa 4.02 1/2, British East Africa 20.25, India 30.33, China unquoted, Argentine (Official) 29.78, Argentine (Free) 24.85, offered, Brazil 5.36, Bolivia (Official) 2.00, Bolivia (Free) 2.38, Chile (Official) 6.16, Chile (Free) 3.25, Chile (Export) 4.00, Colombia 55.00, Cuba 100, Ecuador 7.60, Guatemala 10.00, Holland 37.78, Mexico 20.60, 20.93, Peru 15.50, Uruguay 55.00, Venezuela 29.80, Netherlands West Indies 53.05, Dutch Guiana 53.35, Montreal on London 4.02, Montreal on New York 97.000, Swiss Bank Notes rate 28.00, 30.00, Belgian Franc 2.28 1/2, 2.28 1/2.—Reuter.Bombay, Aug. 15.
Silver, Ready 164 Rupees per 100 tolas, Silver, Forward 168 Rupees per 100 tolas, Gold Delivery unquoted, Gold Forward unquoted, Sovereigns unquoted.—Reuter.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING**

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China Should Encourage Foreigners

Shanghai, Aug. 16.
That China should encourage foreign capital to invest in public utilities in China, especially Shanghai, was urged by Mr. T. C. Tsao, Commissioner of Public Utilities of the Shanghai City Government, in an address before a distinguished foreign and Chinese gathering here.

"The present achievements of the public utilities of Shanghai," he said, "must be attributed in a large measure to the efforts of American, British and French nationals in Shanghai. The authorities concerned should not only keep up the good management and high efficiency but also give them adequate protection and legitimate profits. International as well as private investment under a guarantee of legitimate profits should be encouraged."

Mr. Tsao then disclosed that the foreign utility companies in Shanghai had shown willingness to cooperate with, and to follow the guidance of, the Chinese authorities. Among other things, they had promised to help the Chinese to train technicians in order to meet the requirements not only of Shanghai, but also of all China.

Mr. Tsao asserted that for successful operation and future development of public utilities, "an open door policy for investment should be adopted, admitting international capital as well as private capital under the guarantee of legitimate profit."

The major public utilities in Shanghai are all under foreign control, with British companies serving the city with gas, water and tram services, American companies electric power and telephone and French water, light and bus services.—Reuter.

Text Of British Note

London, Aug. 16.
The British Embassy in Teheran, in a note delivered to the Iranian Foreign Office, describes as "completely unfounded" reports that the British forces sent to Basra (port at the head of the Persian Gulf) had been instructed to enter Iran territory "in any case."

The note stated, in reference to recent events in southwest Iran, that the British Government appreciated the Iranian Government's quick and successful efforts to re-establish order and security in that region.

The British Government agreed, the note added, with the Iranian Government's view that establishment of law and order and assurance of respect for laws of the country was the duty of the Iranian Government forces exclusively.

A Foreign Office spokesman stated in London today that the withdrawal of British and Indian troops from Iran, following the arrival at Basra of replacements from India, has already started.—Reuter.

COLOUR BAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

London, Aug. 16.
The question of the colour bar in South Africa will be raised by the Indian delegation at the International World Students Congress which opens in Prague on Sunday, said the three members of the delegation who reached London today on their way to Prague.

The delegation intend also to stress the need for the Students' Congress to concentrate on problems of Asiatic and Eastern countries which, in their opinion, have been suffering under imperialistic domination. They will be joined by the five remaining members of the delegation in Prague the day before the Congress opens.—Reuter.

NEW VICTORIES BY THE COMMUNISTS

Nanking, Aug. 16.
Fears of Communist uprisings in Shanghai, Changchun and Tientsin within a few days were expressed by Government quarters today as reports reached here of reported new Communist military victories in north-east China.

Money Plentiful In Shanghai

Shanghai, Aug. 16.
Money is so plentiful in Shanghai these days that the first class commercial banks are finding it difficult to lend out their free funds, although the rate of interest is half what it was a month ago, local bankers report.

The demand for short term loans has been considerably reduced since the purchasing of goods for hoarding has almost ceased, and stock and bond speculators have been thoroughly chastened by recent developments.

First class borrowers only pay 10 or 11 per cent monthly now, as compared with over 20 per cent prior to the collapse in speculation in Government bonds a few weeks ago, when Nanking announced that it would only honour its bonds at their face value.

"In these circumstances, banks are unwilling to pay depositors the high rates of interest they gladly offered a short time ago, and the solicitation of additional deposits has ceased.—Reuter.

Brazil Moves Against Reds

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 16.
The official organ of the Brazilian Communist Party, "Tribuna Popular," was today suspended for 15 days by a Government decree.

This is the most drastic move yet taken by the Government against the Communist Party since it was allowed to come out into the open one year ago.

Dr. Carlos Luz, Minister of Justice, said the action was a result of a "police investigation" into the activities of the newspaper. Some observers think the stiffening of the Government's attitude to the Communists may soon lead to an attempt to reimpose a ban on the party.—Reuter.

BAD TREATMENT OF POLISH DPS.

Rome, Aug. 15.
Lieutenant-General Anders, Commander of the Polish Second Corps in Italy, was said today to be seriously disturbed by the reports of bad treatment (including forced repatriation) of Polish displaced persons in the American zone of Germany.

Based on these reports, an appeal is to be made to the pro-Polish members of the United States Congress for Congress support for:

1. Decisive action to be taken to better the lot of the Polish "D.P." in the United States zone.
2. The sending of representatives of American Poles to the zone.
3. Liberty of speech and of the press for Polish displaced persons under United States control.
4. Proper work for Polish "D.P.s" who up to now have been forced to work for Germans.
5. Official recognition of Polish Committees and the granting of local self-government in camps.—Reuter.

RAF's M.R.U. DINNER

The R.A.F. Mobile Radar Unit held a dinner last night at the Balaclava Restaurant prior to its disbandment and the impending departure of a number of its members.

The unit was formed in India in August 1945 from veterans of the Burma campaign and was to have taken part in the offensive on Malaya.

It arrived in Hong Kong in November 1945 and was the first mobile radar unit to be sent here. Most of its personnel are due for demobilisation and are leaving soon.—Reuter.

TROUBLE IN GERMANY

Stuttgart, Aug. 16.
One Jew is reported to have been killed and several injured when the police opened fire during a disturbance at the Jewish camp at Wolfshausen, south of Munich.

Some 500 Jews are reported to have attacked the police who were examining a lorry believed to be carrying black market goods.—Reuter.

Civil War Only Way?

Garden City, Kan., Aug. 16.
James Brennan, who has been at the elbow of Mr. T. V. Soong since 1942, expressed the opinion today that an all-out civil war is the only solution to China's plight—and the China fighting may involve the United States and Russia in a war.

In an interview (in which he said he was expressing his own opinions) Brennan said this appeared to be the only way to establish a strong United China.

Brennan, who is 31, asserted that there was no doubt that the Chinese Communists were financed and encouraged from Moscow.

"This has been kept pretty much hush-hush up to now for diplomatic reasons," he said.

Brennan declared there is nothing wrong with the present government in China by Chinese standards.

"It's the best government the nation ever had," he said. "Its leaders are right now purging corrupt officials and hangers-on. They are sincere men tackling one of history's most tremendous problems, famine and mass ignorance of civilians."—Associated Press.

DENMARK GETS A GHOST ROCKET

Stockholm, Aug. 16.
The newspaper "Aftonbladet" says that two "ghost rockets" were observed in Sweden on Monday, one almost causing casualties. A couple boating on a central Sweden lake were nearly hit by a falling rocket which burst into many parts and disappeared under the water, said the paper.

The other missile was observed near Goeteborg, where a group of boy scouts saw it make a 35-degree turn and head back on its original course. Meanwhile, the first ghost rocket exploded over Denmark, by Briand Jensen, night watchman in Struder West, Jutland, who said he saw a speeding rocket approaching from the north-east, explode with a roar and illuminate the sky in a blinding flash.

Despite accounts of witnesses who unanimously described the flaming objects as rockets, Swedish military authorities said they have received no tangible proof that the frequent aerial phenomena observed over Sweden resulted from foreign experiments with aerial missiles.

A military spokesman said "we have not found a thing." "Aftonbladet" criticised the military authorities in an editorial for their inability to explain the nature of the occurrences.

"It ought to be possible to state whether they are meteors or not and if they are rockets, one should be caught. If the occurrences are rockets, and they are of Russian origin as has been suggested there are two possible explanations: (1) Sweden is systematically being dotted in on a Russian artillery map.

(2) Sweden is being used as an object of demonstration, directed not at us, but at the big world."—Associated Press.

London, Aug. 16.
Britain has expressed willingness to participate in a five-power tele-communications conference, which is to be held in Moscow on Soviet invitation. The conference will be purely exploratory and preliminary to a world conference, expected to be held in 1947.—Reuter.

Nehru To Woo Russia?

Bombay, Aug. 16.
Pandit Nehru, the Indian Congress leader, declared at a lecture in Bombay last night that India should "develop closer relations with Russia."

He hoped Russia would take part in the Inter-Asian Relations Conference he is promoting, Nehru added.

When M. R. Masani, a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly, said during a question-and-answer period that Russia should be excluded from the conference because of her "imperialist designs," Nehru countered: "You cannot ignore a country which is on our borders. You cannot lay down standards of purity for admission to the conference."

He said that when the conference is organised, it should unite the East culturally, economically and politically in a powerful bloc.—Associated Press.

Kathleen Says A Mouthful

Frankfurt, Aug. 15.
WAC Captain Kathleen Nash Durant asserted in an interview today that the army charges against her in the \$1,500,000 Hesse crown jewels theft was baseless and said she expected an acquittal.

The 43-year-old WAC who is the recent bride of another defendant, Colonel Jack Durant, of Chicago, goes on trial on Friday before a court martial on charges of larceny, embezzlement, conspiracy and absence without leave.

Her husband and Major David Watson, named by the army as her fellow conspirators, are both awaiting trial. Most of the jewels were recovered.

Mrs. Durant said that "if the court says I committed any of the criminal acts alleged, then hundreds of people in this theatre and thousands of people in the United States have unclean hands."

At this stage the army-appointed attorney restrained her from elaboration.—Associated Press.

London, Aug. 16.
The frontier between Siam and Indochina has been closed unconditionally, the New Delhi radio reported today, quoting an announcement in Bangkok. This announcement is the latest development in the frontier dispute which the Siamese Government requested last month should be brought to the attention of the United Nations Security Council.—Reuter.

RADIO

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LONDON COMMENTARY ON TEST MATCH

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12.30 p.m.—Horace Heldt & His

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1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Forecast & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Variety.

1.30 p.m.—Piano Duets: Rawicz & Landauer.

1.40 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—The Milt Herth Trio and Vera Lynn.

7.30 p.m.—"Music Time" ENSA.

7.50 p.m.—Studio: "Unit Records"—New Long Calling 781

Coy. R.A.S.C.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

8.15 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra.

8.45 p.m.—Half an Hour with Offenbach.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay: Commentary on 3rd Test Match—India vs. England.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay: Leslie Henson Half Hour.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.05 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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SPORTS SECTION

Spin Bowlers Dominate The Bat All Day

London, Aug. 15.
Spin bowlers completely dominated the bat throughout the day in the match between Yorkshire and Hampshire, which Yorkshire won by 56 runs.

Thirty-four wickets fell for 309 runs in the course of the day. Hampshire, in reply to Yorkshire's first innings total of 168, could reach only 97 in two hours. Yorkshire fared even worse when they went in for the second time and were all out in an hour and a half.

Hampshire's task of scoring 141 to win on a rain damaged pitch was altogether too much for them, and Yorkshire scored their fourteenth century win of the season to consolidate their lead in the championship.

The storm that stopped play at Lords on Wednesday so changed conditions that Middlesex were engaged all day in a desperate struggle for runs, and left off wanting 59 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

Closing Scores
Close of play scores today were:

At Scarborough: Yorkshire 160 (Coxon 51 not out, Herman 7 for 77) and 69 (Knott 5 for 35, Herman 4 for 29) beat Hampshire 97 (Arnold 51, Robinson 5 for 29, Booth 4 for 32) and 84 (Robinson 7 for 24) by 56 runs.

At Derby: Derbyshire 200 and 128 (Novell 4 for 11), Northamptonshire 140 (Coxson 5 for 68) and 124 for three (Davies 61 not out).

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 182 (Parker 3 for 18) and 183 for no wickets (Barnett 72 not out, Wilson 80 not out), Surrey 140 (Cook 6 for 63).

At Lords: Kent 430 for five declared (Compton 3 for 80), Middlesex 242 (Robertson 104) and 185 for five (Compton 50 not out).

At Clifton: Essex 894 for seven declared (Crabtree 140,

Jews Evade Blockade

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which are lying off Haifa, were last night reported to be on hunger strike.

Unconfirmed reports from Haifa say that they are likely to be deported to Cyprus early today.

The immigrants on board vessel "No. 23," which reached Haifa yesterday with 815 refugees, including 150 sick persons—began fasting after the ship was intercepted by a British destroyer two days ago and learned that they would be deported to Cyprus. They refused to disclose their port-of-embarkation.

Meanwhile, orders to establish camps in Cyprus to hold 10,000 illegal immigrants have been given by Sir Charles Woolley, Governor of Cyprus, it was disclosed in Famagusta last night.

The cruiser "Ajax" is returning to Haifa to escort more illegal immigrants to Cyprus, it was reported from Famagusta early this morning.—Reuter.

Johannesburg, Aug. 16.
An official statement here today confirmed that the strike of native mine workers had ended. All of the 45 mines were now working normally, it said.—Reuter.

WORLD CHESS

Groningen, Aug. 15.
During the world chess tournament here today, L. Saks of Hungary defeated L. Boloslavsky of the Soviet Union after 61 moves.

The match between H. Steiner of the United States and Professor M. Viorar of Yugoslavia ended in a draw after 81 moves owing to a repetition of